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**RE: Docket No. RM2017-12**

Please enter our comments into the official record.

The Oregon Humane Society urges the Commission to reconsider the proposed postage increase to nonprofit rates.

At a time when America's non-for-profit organizations are being asked to do more, this postage increase is counterproductive.

The Oregon Humane Society relies heavily on nonprofit rate mail to communicate with, inform and engage our constituents, mailing more than five-hundred-thousand pieces annually.

The expense of additional postage, with no offsetting revenue will directly draw off funds from mission-supporting activities.

If this increase is implemented, along with drawing off funds, as responsible stewards of our donors' gifts, we will have to lean away from using the services of USPS and instead move even more toward alternative channels of communication.

On behalf of the Oregon Humane Society, I encourage the Commission to explore alternatives to this increase rather than placing an additional burden on the nation's not-for-profit community.

Very truly,

Gary Kish  
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